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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION STATE FROM USUN NOV. 20,
REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 4938

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: UN FINANCING: UNEF

REF: STATE 228528

1. AMB SCHAUFLE SPOKE TO SMUN DEP PERMREP SAFRONCHUK
AFTERNOON NOV 20 ON SOVIET SUPPORT FOR CUBAN/YEMENI RES.

2. SAFRONCHUK WAS IMMEDIATELY DEFENSIVE IN SAYING HE
HAD SUPPORTED DRAFT RES ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS AND THAT
SOV MISSION WAS STILL STUDYING IT. HE THEN ASKED WHAT US
OBJECTED TO.

3. SCHAUFLE TOLD HIM THAT US OBJECTED TO RES AND,
DRAWING ON REFTEL, THAT SOVIET SUPPORT FOR THIS RES
WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE A CONTRADICTION TO ITS WELL KNOWN
SUPPORT FOR SC PRE-EMINENCE IN PEACEKEEPING FUNCTION AND
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ALSO HIS OWN (SAFRONCHUK'S) FIRM STATEMENT IN FAVOR OF

BASIC PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY IN GENERAL COMMITTEE.

4. SAFRONCHUK IMMEDIATELY SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD US RESERVATIONS AND THAT RES WAS IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGE WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE REFERENCE TO "MILITARY AGGRESSION" BUT NOT, HE THOUGHT, TO "OCCUPATION".

5. SCHAUFLELE IMMEDIATELY ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD STILL BE AIMED AT RELIEVING EGYPT, SYRIA AND JORDAN FROM THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY PRINCIPLE. SAFRONCHUK SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY SAID THEY HAD ALREADY PAID.

6. SCHAUFLELE SAID THAT WE HAD ALL ALREADY PAID AND THAT US COULD NOT AGREE TO ANY FORMULA WHICH VIOLATED PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY AND SUGGESTED THAT SOVIET UNION USE ITS INFLUENCE TO HEAD OFF SUCH AN ATTEMPT. AFTER GROUNDING THAT US HAD MADE NO STATEMENT WHEN CHINA SAID IT WOULD NOT PAY FOR UNEF, SAFRONCHUK CLOSED CONVERSATION EXPRESSING HIS HOPE THAT SUITABLE SOLUTION COULD BE WORKED OUT AMONG SPONSORS OF

FINANCING RES.

7. COMMENT: WE WERE STRUCK BY SAFRONCHUK'S IMMEDIATE DEFENSIVENESS ON THIS ISSUE WHICH INDICATES TO US THAT HE, AS IS OFTEN THE CASE, MAY HAVE BEEN MUCH TOO QUICK TO ADOPT A SUPPORTING POSITION IN 5TH COMMITTEE ON THE CUBAN/YEMENI AMENDMENT.

8. NEVERTHELESS WE ARE CONVINCED THAT SOVS WILL NOT MAKE SERIOUS EFFORT TO AVOID SOME KIND OF EXEMPTIVE LANGUAGE IN THE FINANCING RES UNTIL THEY CONVINCED WE AND OTHERS ARE SERIOUS.
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